

What is an AFO?

"Animal feeding operation" or "AFO" means a lot or facility (other than an aquatic animal production facility) where the following conditions are met:

1. Animals (other than aquatic animals) have been, are, or will be stabled or confined and fed or maintained for a total of 45 days or more in any 12-month period; and
2. Crops, vegetation, forage growth, or post-harvest residues are not sustained in the normal growing season over any portion of the lot or facility.

Which permit do you need? Virginia AFO/ CAFO Permit Program

What is a CAFO?

"Concentrated animal feeding operation" or "CAFO" is an AFO that discharges or proposes to discharge and is further defined as a Large CAFO, a Medium CAFO or designated a Small CAFO.

Two or more AFOs under common ownership are considered to be a single AFO for the purposes of determining the number of animals at an operation, if they adjoin each other or if they use a common area or system for the disposal of wastes.

See below for Large CAFO, Medium CAFO and Small CAFO definitions.

